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MCDONALD COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a McDonald County, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in McDonald County, Mo.

Donovan Ray Cole, also known as Dino, 31, of McDonald County, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to 14 years and 2 months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 16, 2004, **Cole** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine in McDonald County from July 1 to July 15, 2003, and to being in possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Cole admitted that he manufactured more than 50 grams but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine, for which the court sentenced him to 110 months in federal prison without parole. **Cole** also admitted that he was in possession of a .38-caliber RG revolver, for which the court sentenced him to five years in federal prison without parole. The court ordered those sentences to be served consecutively, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the McDonald County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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